THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) to (c) Government propose to construct fencing in a stretch of approximately 10 kms in Moreh area on the India-Mynamar border for which further steps are being taken. It is estimated to be completed by 2005.

Arms License in Delhi

*337. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government are aware that 90 per cent of crimes in Delhi are committed using unlicensed guns and illegal fire arms;

(b) if so, the estimated number of unlicenced guns in Delhi;

(c) how many licenced persons of guns/revolvers are registered with the DCP (Licensing) as on 1st July, 2003; and

(d) whether Government propose to restrict the issue of armed license in future on account of an increase in crime rate and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The number of crimes in which unlicensed arms were used in Delhi formed a very small part of the total number of crimes reported. During the current year upto 31st July, Delhi Police detected 427 cases of illegal fire-arms.

(c) The Licensing Branch of Delhi had as on 1st July, 2003 issued in all 50,673 arms licenses and also registered 8,819 licenses issued by other States/competent licensing authorities.

(d) There are enough safeguards in the procedures prescribed for issue/cancellation of arms licenses to ensure that such licenses are not issued to undesirable elements. There also has been progressive decline in number of IPC crimes during the last few years in Delhi.

Revival of small and medium sector textile units

*338. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to offer some special package over what has already been allocated in the Union Budget 2003-04 to revive small and medium sector textile units;

(b) if so, the details of the package Governments intends to offer to the textile sector to revive small and medium units;

(c) whether such a package would be worked out for bigger units also in the future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) In the Union Budget 2003-04, in addition to the allocations made, Government has announced for decentralized powerloom sector a Powerloom Package for Modernization having the following features:

Enlargement of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme to cover modernization of powerlooms.

A powerloom workshed scheme to create a better working environment and obtain higher productivity.

As a welfare measure, a group insurance scheme for all powerloom workers to provide them insurance cover against death, accident and disability.

(c) and (d) In addition it was also announced that Government is considering a mechanism for restructuring the debt portfolio of viable and potentially viable units in order to prevent sickness in the textile industry. The details to be decided in consultation with all the stakeholders Consultations have been held with all stakeholders but no decision has been taken by the Government.

Share of textiles in total exports

†*339. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether textiles industry has a major share in total exports of the country;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.